BOOK NOTICE

BRAKO, LOIS, AMY Y. ROSSMAN, and DAVID F. FARR. 1995. Scientific and
   Common names of 7,000 Vascular Plants in the United States.
   (Contr.U.S. Nat. Fungus Coll. No. 7). (ISBN 0-89054-171-X, pbk.)
   American Phytopathological Society Press, 3340 Pilot Knob Road,
   St. Paul, Minnesota, 55121, 612/454-7250. $29.00. 304 pp.

Designed primarily with the plant pathologists and agriculturists in mind, this book is
a useful resource for anyone interested in the common names for plants native to and
cultivated in the United States, including Hawaii and southern California, Texas, and
Florida. The book is well designed to facilitate its use with four cross-referenced alpha-
betical sections: 1) Scientific names - entry by genus followed by the family name and
generic common name, if any; species listed under each genus followed by one or more
vernacular names; authorities given for all listed taxa. 2) Common names - multiword
names entered separately under each word of the name; the complete name(s) listed under
the indexed word; and the Latin name placed after the vernacular. 3) Synonyms - scientific
names by which a species may be known are listed, followed by the correct latin name;
appears to be somewhat incomplete. 4) Families and Genera - the included genera listed
by family.

The included taxa were selected from standard phytopathological, floristic, and agro-
nomic references. Only those taxa are given for which common names are published in the
consulted sources. No attempt has been made to manufacture "standard" common names
for other species of a genus. Hence, the coverage of genera is rather exaustive (e.g.
Bombacaceae with five listed genera, Bignoniaceae with 12, and Myrtaceae with 16), whereas
the coverage of (non-agricultural) species is much less complete (e.g. only 14 listed species
of *Verbena* [including *Glandularia*], only six species of *Tradescantia s.l.*, and six of *Penstemon*;
however, 25 species of *Trifolium*).—*Roger Sanders, Research Associate, Botanical Research Insti-
tute of Texas.*